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NO JURY DRAWN FOR CIRCUIT COURT

SESSION TO OPEN TUESDAY,
JANUARY 8

No jury was drawn for the circuit court term that is to open here Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8th and Judge Smith will find the smallest calendar that has been presented here in many years.

But one criminal case appears on the calendar—Ed. Headstead, charged with violation of the prohibition laws. This case appeared in the October term when the defendant entered a plea of not guilty and the case was put over to the next term. As this is a jury case it will no doubt be continued, without the prosecutor asks to have it dismissed.

A jury civil case on the docket is that of John Malco vs. Charles H. Marker, trespass on the case. This case is one in which Malco will try to recover damages from Marker for injuries received when the latter attacked him with a knife inflicting a number of wounds. Mr. Marker was found guilty by a jury in a former trial for assault and battery against Mr. Malco. From the fact that it is a case for a jury that too will have to be continued, without an amicable adjustment may be had between the principals. James B. Ross is the counsel for the plaintiff and E. M. Harris for the respondent.

Two divorce cases appear on the chancery calendar—Lena M. Clothier vs. Ernest E. Clothier, and Pearl M. Gibbon vs. Edwin Gibbon.

Petitions for naturalization have been filed, as follows: Thomas William Clarke and Mrs. Ethel Martha Greenwood.

Owing to the fact that there was so little for a jury to do permission was obtained from Judge Smith to omit the drawing of one for this term. This saves the county about \$200 and no doubt will meet with special favor by the taxpayers.

ASK REPORT ON CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

A final plea for returns in the Christmas seal sale has been issued by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. Records at the Association's office in Lansing show that approximately one-fifth of the people to whom seals were sent have neither returned the seals nor sent money in payment for them.

Until the amount of funds available is known, plans for the anti-tuberculosis work to be done in Michigan in 1929 cannot be definitely settled, according to F. E. Mills, president of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

"We have outlined an ambitious program for the coming twelve months," said Mr. Mills, "but our hands are tied because of the incomplete returns from the seal sale. If the folks who have neither sent in money nor returned their seals only realized the delay they are helping to cause in the launching of our 1929 work, I am certain that they would attend to the matter at once."

The seal sale, which represents the one public appeal for funds of anti-tuberculosis societies, came to an official close on Christmas Day.

PACIFIC AIR MAP COMPLETED

Aviators who in the future fly over the Pacific will have the assistance of an air map just completed by the Navy Hydrographic Office, according to the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit. The new map, the first air chart of the Pacific, shows the direction and velocity of air currents at various altitudes, thus aiding the pilot in fixing his course.

THE TOBOGGAN SLIDE READY

To be known as the "Lake Margrethe Toboggan Slide." Now open for use—days and evenings. Charges—25c per person for all over 14 years of age. Don't bring your dogs to the slide.

KENNETH GOSHORN LAID TO REST

On Thursday, December 27, 1928, a large number of people assembled in the Methodist Protestant church in Frederic to pay their last tribute of love and respect to Kenneth Goshorn. In that assembly were not only some of Kenneth's classmates but also those who had played with him many days.

Since his death the remark has passed from lip to lip that during his life he was always pleasant and courteous and did his best to please those with whom he associated.

There were many beautiful flowers—specially for this time of the year when the supply had been so nearly exhausted.

It was indeed sad and affecting to see those whose lives had been so closely associated with Kenneth in the classroom and on the playground, bearing his body to its last resting place and carrying beautiful flowers as tokens of their love and esteem. The pallbearers were, Elroy Barber, James Horton, Robert Hunter, Clyde Dorenire, Chester Burke and Charlie Johnson. Those carrying the flowers were Ethel Barber, Evelyn Dorenire, Erma Barber, Della Weaver, Olive Odell and Flossie Cox. Very appropriate hymns were touchingly rendered by Mrs. Asa Leng, Mrs. Jay Odell, Mr. C. S. Barber and Mr. Jay Odell with Miss Esther Barber at the piano. The services were in charge of Rev. D. N. Earle of the Methodist Protestant church and the body was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery.

Floyd Kenneth Goshorn, eldest son of Floyd and Abbie Batterson Goshorn, was born April 29th, 1908, in Frederic, Michigan, and came to his heavenly reward on December 24th, 1928, in Northville, Michigan, aged 20 years, 7 months and 26 days. Kenneth lived practically all of his short life in Frederic where he grew to manhood and won the love and esteem of all those with whom he came in contact. It was the happy privilege of the writer of this appreciation to become associated with him in the fall of 1919 when he entered the seventh grade; and to work with him during the school years until he graduated in June 1926. In matching minds with Kenneth Goshorn it is only doing him justice to say that his was one of the keenest and most resourceful with which his superintendent was ever associated. Whether in the class room or in the assembly he was always gentle and unassuming, by which means he steadily won his way to the hearts of his classmates and teachers.

When in the eighth grade, he carried the highest average standing in Crawford county, which permitted him to attend the State fair; and when he graduated he was the valedictorian of his class. Short months ago the mother was taken from this home, at which time he expressed his indomitable courage and will power when he said by way of encouragement to his father, "Dad we must carry on the work which mother would have us do." And now, in heaven with his mother, he begins to reap his Eternal reward.

Kenneth likes to mourn his loss his father, Floyd, three sisters Doris, Marjorie and Janice, and one brother, Karl, together with his grandmothers, Mrs. Nancy Batterson, Mrs. Laura DeLorge, and his great grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Flagg, and a large number of other relatives and friends. Kenneth's life will be sadly missed in the community; but by and by



1—Grover Whalen, the new commissioner of police of New York city. 2—Howard E. Coffin's residence on Sapelo Island, Georgia, where President and Mrs. Coolidge went for a winter holiday. 3—Special committee of the Pan-American arbitration conference that devised the conciliation plan for Bolivia and Paraguay; from right, seated: Ferrera of Cuba, Hughes of U. S., Maurtua of Peru and de Maral of Brazil.

SMOKERS CAUSED MOST FOREST FIRES

The smoker is condemned again. Figures just arrived at by the forest protection division of the conservation department, reveal that the user of tobacco was blamed for causing 506 fires during the past year. At least Michigan's fire fighters were called out to handle that many blazes and their investigation convinced them that some careless smoker had been responsible originally.

Railroads were the worst offenders outside of the smokers. They caused 258 blazes. Brush burning was third in line with 189 fires laid up against this practice. So far as the dollar and cents damage was concerned, however, the smoker stood head and shoulders above all others. The 506 blazes cost an estimated total of \$24,319.76. The blazes originating from sources attributed to the railroads, cost but a fraction of this, the total being \$3,988.46.

The classification of forest fire causes and the number of blazes in each division follows: smokers, 506; railroads, 258; brush burning, 189; unknown, 113; miscellaneous, 86; incendiary, 68; campfires, 54; lumbering, 17; lightning, 13.

A study of these and other figures contained in the annual report reveal some interesting information. For instance, it required 5.5 men to control the average fire. The average blaze was under control in three hours and 16.3 minutes after it was discovered. It covered something like 50.78 acres. The upper peninsula escaped with only 13,705 acres burned over while the lower peninsula total was 52,582. There were nearly twice as many fires below the straits as above, those originating in the southern half totaling 876 while in the northern section there were only 429.

There will be a union in the House not made with hands where our souls will overflow with infinite joy.

"There is one classmate is not here today. Many an oak has blasted on its way. Many a growing hope is overthrown. What might have been his early years had shown. What is, our earthly hopes may tell.

He rose, he moved, he flourished and he fell. His body mingles with the dust of earth. His soul returns to God who gave it birth.

SUCKER BAIT

Beware of the stock promotion newspapers that are being mailed out by the millions from Eastern industrial centers, they are baited for suckers and it is the wise man who foregoes their liberal advice and predictions in financial matters.

While apparently giving correct news of the markets these papers are loaded with hidden propaganda regarding unlisted stocks, which are boomed to the skies as money-making possibilities, but which are their own promotion schemes brought out to trap the unwary.

The United States Chamber of Commerce says that over a billion dollars is taken from the pockets of the American people every year through these fake promotion schemes. These white collar bandits never declare a dividend, not a single dollar sent to them for investment is ever returned to their dupes, they work on a one hundred per cent margin and every attempt to make them disgorge has proven fruitless. Don't let them get you on their sucker list. If you have money for investment purposes—consult your banker first.

Michelson Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

January 6, 1929

All services will be held at the usual hours on Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD

The outlook for Grayling during 1929 appears to be a very healthy one and a busy year is given strong indication.

Just at this time while we are amidst the winter period, a time during which there is a general slowness in business, winter sports livens the days and bid fair to attract a lot of outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy them. The thrills of former toboggan slides are considerably paled in comparison with the slide that opened on New Year's day. But few knew the slide was to be ready for use so only a few were on hand to enjoy it. Others who happened out to look it over were disappointed in not being prepared to slide. While a little shorter than former slides, the new one has a thrilling dip that adds far more than what may have been lost in length. However the fact that the course is shorter strikes just about everyone as an advantage as it eliminates considerable return trip distance, and gives opportunity of more frequent trips down the ice-covered track. Also it is claimed that the speed is greater. The course runs far out onto Lake Margrethe, and is to be known as Lake Margrethe Toboggan slide. It is built entirely on a public right-of-way, with permission from the proper authorities. There is an arch of electric lights at the take-off and the course is lighted its entire length until it reaches the lake. The fact that the slide is more than a mile closer to town also adds to its advantage. Also Colleen's Inn will be kept open and warmed and where lunches and refreshments will be served which will meet with general approval. One slide is ready for use and another is being built to take care of the crowds that are sure to be there.

Paving In Spring

Just as soon as winter has departed from the scene and the earth has been relieved of its snow and frosts, it is expected that the work of paving Michigan avenue and trunk line highway U. S. 27 will begin. This is bound to make a lot of work for everyone and at good wages. There will be three blocks of paving on Main street and paving from DuPont avenue to the flying field on U.S. 27. And besides this it is expected that there will be asphalt paving from Grayling to a point about eight miles south, and from Grayling to Frederic on the north. This work is sure to require a large crew of workmen who no doubt will make their headquarters in this city.

Work To Continue At Military Reservation

A contract for construction work at the Military reservation that was started last fall and amounting to about \$125,000.00 is far from complete and operations there will begin just as soon as the season will permit. Besides that it is understood that the Military department is going to enlarge the camp which will mean a lot of extra work, besides the usual work that has to be done there annually.

Look For Big Summer Encampment

There are a number of rumors afloat relative to the summer encampment. It is generally known that the federal government was planning on sending Michigan National guardsmen to Camp Curtis, Ill., together with the guards from Wisconsin, which, with Michigan comprise the 32nd Division, and also divisions from Illinois and other states where a giant military maneuver and problem is to be worked out. However we understand that this plan is not definitely settled, and may not mature as there seems to be considerable opposition to it on the part of some of the military officials and men. However there is another rumor afloat and comes from reliable authority that in case the Michigan Guard does not train here this summer that other organizations will be sent here for the summer and that they will number several thousand men and officers. Just what this organization consists of is still uncertain. The AVALANCHE will endeavor to get full information relative to the summer program just as soon as it is available and will give it out to readers.

Prospects of Oil Brings Revenue

News that will make the taxpayers glad is the fact that considerable back taxes are being paid on property that has been delinquent for several years. The prospects of striking oil in this county has made persons owning property here take more interest in it and, in order to hold it, taxes are being paid. This means hundreds of dollars coming into the treasuries of our townships. Several companies are now busy prospecting and should oil be found in paying quantities it is sure to cause a boom the like of which has never been known here before. Of course that is problematical but when men of experience in oil are willing to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in tests, we may well feel optimistic over the matter.

Nature's Play Grounds Attract Tourists

With the big demand for recreational regions the tourist public and vacationists have learned that Crawford county has everything to offer that they could possibly wish for. Here are the greatest trout streams to be found anywhere in the United States. Four noted streams wind their courses through our lands—the famous AuSable; the North Branch renowned the country over as the finest fly-fishing stream in America; the wonderful South Branch and the Big Manistee. Besides these there are a number of smaller streams that find popular favor.

Our offering of lakes where fishing is good is quite as attractive. Lake Margrethe is one of the most beautiful bodies of water in Michigan, and affords perfect bathing beaches along its entire shores. Ideal opportunities are here for those wishing to occupy cottages or enjoy the tent camp, with excellent physical accommodations available for those who desire them. K. P. Lake, Jones Lake, Crane Lake, Shoepack Lake, Twin Lakes, Howes Lake, Kile Lake and many others furnish a variety that affords tourists their every desire.

These things we have with us always and every effort is being made to keep them in their high state of attractiveness.

Good Hunting Country

Later in the year when the mired begins to become uneasy and feel the call of the wild, he will find here plenty of game from the lowly cotton tail to its autocratic brother the snowshoe rabbit, from the fleet flying partridge and pheasant to the fleeting deer and the growing bear. Surely the vast wildernesses that abound in Crawford county afford the fisherman, the hunter and he whom may be in seek of rest or health giving climate, everything he may desire.

Busy Factories

With the foregoing features that supply work for those who need it; recreation and sport for those who desire it; recreation, rest and health for others, and with our busy industries, Grayling should be a community of happy and busy homes and families. All the year 'round the wonderful Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co.; the fast growing Grayling Box Co., and the Grayling Manufacturing Co. keep a large number of men on their payrolls.

Everything seems to point to the year 1929 as one of the best years Grayling has ever had.

OLD CHRISTMAS TREES WANTED

The committee in charge of Lake Margrethe Toboggan slide asks for your abandoned Christmas trees which they would use as snow fences on the lake. Kindly leave your trees in your front yards and they will be called for Saturday morning.

MISS LORETTA McDONNELL WEDS DETROIT MAN

Of interest to her many friends will be the announcement of the marriage of Miss Loretta McDonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonnell of this city to Mr. Joseph Dingman of Detroit. The ceremony took place Saturday evening at seven o'clock at the parsonage of the Michelson memorial church, Rev. J. W. Greenwood officiating. Miss McDonnell chose Miss Francella Failing for her bridesmaid and the groom's brother, Mr. Avery Dingman of Detroit assisted as bestman.

The bride came to Grayling with her parents in 1917 having resided here since that time. She is a graduate of Grayling High School of the class of 1924 and last June graduated from Central State Teachers' College, Mt. Pleasant. At present she is teaching domestic science in the Fenton schools, where she will finish out the year and then go to Detroit, where the young couple will reside.

The bride has a large circle of friends in Grayling by whom she is greatly admired and who extend best wishes to the young couple for a long and happy wedded life.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

The following officers were installed at Grayling Lodge No. 356, F. & A. M. last week Thursday night:

W. M.—Carl W. Peterson.
S. W.—Oscar Swanson.
J. W.—George Schaible.
S. D.—Harold McNeven.
J. D.—Harry Hemmingson.
Sec'y.—W. W. Lewis.
Treas.—Geo. N. Olson.
Tyler—Ernest Borchers.
Stewards—E. N. Darveau and Nyland Houghton.
Chaplain—J. W. Greenwood.
Pianist—Harold Skingley.

140 MILLION FISH PLANTED

Nearly 140 million fish were planted in Michigan streams and lakes up to the first week in December, according to the report made by Fred Westerman, superintendent of the fish hatcheries for the department of conservation. There were more than 12 millions of fingerlings planted while the fry and advanced fry made up the balance of nearly 128 million. Of the state's commercial species, whitefish leads all the rest with a total of \$6,000,000.

The perch holds second position with a total of \$6,128,360 and the wall-eyed pike was third, the number being 21,000,469. There were 6,652,250 lake trout fry and fingerlings planted. According to the report, 10,692,296 brook trout were planted in the streams. German browns totaled 5,079,868, while the rainbows numbered 2,160,157. There were 468,870 large mouth bass planted and 81,062 small mouth bass being placed in the Wolverine state's waterways.

The fingerlings made a fine showing in the trout classes. There were over 6 million brook trout fry and advanced fry released while those in the fingerling class totaled 4 1/2 million. The German brown total was evenly divided between the two classes while the rainbow trout fingerlings out-numbered the fry by almost 6 to 1.

Of the total plantings 433,340 brook trout, 200,626 brown trout and 463,578 rainbow trout were reared in the 12 feeding stations operated by the fisheries division during the past season.

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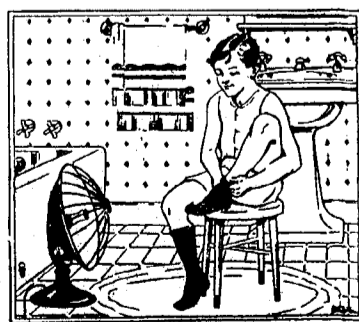
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LOCAL NEWS

PETTY OFFENSES

Did the legislature make a mistake two years ago when it made simple assault and petty larceny circuit court offenses, classed as felonies and as such placed in the same class as major crimes? Many law enforcement officials believe this to be the case.

Previous to the adoption of the present crime code these petty offenses were handled in justice courts and it never occurred to anybody that this means of disposing of them was in any way ineffective.

Today, the man who, in the heat of passion, slaps his neighbor, or the poor unfortunate who steals fifteen cent's worth of coal, must undergo the hardship of having his case go through two courts instead of one, with extra attorney expense to himself and an additional expense to the taxpayers.

And that is not all. It is the purpose of the framers of the new crime code to relieve the congested condition of the courts by providing more direct means of bringing offenders to justice, yet at the same time they add these petty offenses to their dockets which, in many instances, makes a shambles of our higher courts. A change in this part of the code might be worthy of consideration.

JUDGES FOR LIFE

The 1929 Michigan legislature will be asked to submit an amendment to the state constitution requiring appointment for life for judges of the supreme and circuit courts. This proposal will come from a Wayne county member of the state senate. Proponents of this idea believe it will result in removing judges from politics.

Here is a bit of legislative department that should be approached very carefully. Political influence very rarely touches the lives of circuit court judges in the rural sections of the state, and there is no particular burden imposed in compelling them to seek re-election every six years.

We know of no circuit judge in Michigan who will experience any real difficulty in being re-elected to additional terms as long as he remains sufficiently qualified both as to health and mental ability. Even with restricted tenure of office there have been many instances where circuit court judges have sought and obtained an additional six years on the bench after they had reached a physical and mental condition that precluded their giving intelligent and satisfactory attention to their exacting duties.

Human nature is pretty near everywhere the same, and it is only natural to believe that with life tenure many of the occupants of this most important office in our civil life would be tempted, because of salary and position, to continue on the job long after their usefulness to society had come to an end. This is a question that will bear most searching reflection.

GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

The functions of government are specific and do not include the operation of business enterprises. Government in business tends to socialism, and socialism is contrary to all tradition of our people and to all the principles of government as expressed in the Constitution of the United States. Successful business requires men of broad vision and trained minds, whose talents and ambitions should not be limited by the fortunes of politics or the meager pay of a government employee.

CRIMINAL CODE CHANGES

The 1929 session of the Michigan legislature will undoubtedly witness many attempts to revamp the criminal code laws passed during the legislative session two years ago.

Efforts will be made to make violations of the prohibition laws misdemeanors instead of felonies, fourth conviction of which makes mandatory life sentence. Many clear-thinking people believe this inflicts too severe a penalty in proportion to the crime. The legislature should proceed carefully in this direction. If the law making body of the state is in earnest regarding enforcement of the prohibition laws they will hesitate to weaken them by reducing the penalties for violation.

Perhaps making first offenses a misdemeanor, with subsequent violations felonies, might prove some sort of a solution that would not work an injustice. Certainly the persistent violator of the prohibition laws is entitled to no more sympathy than any other violator. It is a situation that calls for the best efforts of those who make the laws.

DOUBLE DISCOURTESY

Florence Reed, the actress, recently stopped a performance of Macbeth, until two people who laughed had been ejected from the theater.

It is probably true that a person sees more bad manners at places of entertainment than elsewhere. A certain percentage of the people always talk when there is music or speaking to be listened to. Such an act is discourteous to the performers, disrespectful to other people who came or paid to hear.

No matter where you go people who make a nuisance of themselves appear and the better the performance the more obvious the discourtesy. Actors who will ask for respect will have the backing of the large part of their audiences.

WANTED—FAT FOLKS

Farmers in the Middle West have started a crusade to make fat folks fashionable. "Let every boy be taught to look upon a fat man as his ideal of manly perfection, and let every girl be instructed that curves are surest lure for a handsome and wealthy husband," say the backers of this movement, which believes the problem of farm relief will be solved if Americans can be persuaded to eat more food.

Commenting on the new crusade, the editor of Farm and Fireside, national farm magazine, says: "The farmers are right. Curves will solve the farm surplus problem. These flat-chested skinny-hipped, hide-and-bone women are the real menace to agriculture. What we need is more wholesome respect and admiration for fat people."

The present fashion for slender females is not based on human nature. No woman wants to diet. Women like to fill their tummies even better than men do. Equally questionable is the fact that no man actually admires weakened, dehydrated women who can get into the modern ready made \$14.98 dress. Any man would much prefer to associate with and marry a good healthy cylindrical girl who has a lap and some girth.

"The idea that a lettuce leaf and a slice of pineapple make a meal must be annihilated. Dieting is digging more graves today than ever were dug with teeth."

As one step, the farmers suggest that exemption from taxation be granted to all people who weigh over 200 pounds. They declare bluntly that what agriculture needs is more consumption of its products in regular honest square meals that include two kinds of meat, three kinds of pie and plenty of mashed potatoes and gravy.

It is said that over ninety million dollars worth of toys were manufactured in the United States this year. And yet there are some people who say they don't believe in Santa Claus.

The Salem News declares that if the communists element would do a little less parading with banners and a little more working with their hands to make communist experiments practical, they would get more converts. All well and good. But the communist element would do a any working with the hands by the communists.

Not Near Saturation Point

According to a noted German geographer, the earth as a whole can support a population of at least five times its present number. Europe is considered to be 80 per cent full. Africa and Australia offer the greatest possibilities in the way of increased population.

Legend Shows Indians'

High Sense of Humor

A stole he may have been but to many of the hardships that made him stoical the American Indian displayed a humorous appreciation of the desperate situation that ranked him with the best of all philosophers—those who can and do laugh at life. Witness his legend of the naming of Tusquitter Bald, a mountain in western North Carolina.

Long ago a great drought seared the very heart of summer in the Appalachian country, many mountain streams drying up so that large numbers of fish and animals perished. One day a hunter, throat parched, but canny in seeking a deep-water hole where there might be sustenance his arrows could obtain, heard strange voices nearby. Stepping in that direction, he discovered it was two water dogs. They were walking about on their hind legs on the dry bottom of their pond and discussing the drought.

One of them said to the other, "Where is the water? I am so thirsty that my apron (meaning his gills, presumably) hangs down almost to the ground and I fear I shall tread upon it."

Then both water dogs laughed. Turquitter means, therefore, "Where the water dogs laughed."—Detroit News.

Firefly's Tail Light

Diffuses Little Heat

The fireflies, or "lightning bugs," which dance in the twilight, carry torches that burn on the same principle as a lighted candle. That is to say, they combine a combustible substance with oxygen and produce light. The great advantage enjoyed by the firefly is that his tail light makes so little heat; it can fairly be called "cold light."

The substance consumed to produce the firefly's light is luciferin. The shining of fireflies, and of other animals and plants, used to be called phosphorescence, because it looks like phosphorus in the dark.

But it is not caused by phosphorus. Luciferin really means "light-bearer." By itself it does not glow, but a second substance known as luciferase, present in all luminous organisms, causes it to combine with oxygen, and this makes the luminescence.

Watermelon Long Known

According to Master Graves, the watermelon abounded in Massachusetts in 1629, only nine years after the landing of the Pilgrims. The Indians lost little time adding it to their list of cultivated plants. In 1684 the Florida tribes were cultivating it in their fields of maize, and nine years later Father Marquette found among the western tribes melons "which are excellent, especially those with a red seed." The tribes on the Colorado river were cultivating watermelons before the death of George Washington. It is easy to see how the watermelon spread so quickly to all parts of the American continent, because the seeds can easily be carried from place to place and planted, and because the Indians showed a fondness for the fruit from the beginning.

The Installment Age

All the morning the teacher had been trying to teach her very small pupils the mysteries of simple addition.

One small boy seemed far behind the others at grasping even the simplest of ideas, and with him the harassed teacher spent quite a lot of time.

"Look here, Leonard," she began for the fifth time. "Let's suppose your father saves \$5 every week for four weeks. What will he have at the end of that time?"

Leonard had his answer ready. "A graphophone, a new suit, a wireless set and new furniture for the house," he replied proudly.

Wife "Raises" Husband

Wives are able to supervise the raising of their own husbands in China, according to Capper's Weekly. It is not uncommon, says the paper, for a Chinese boy of twelve to be married to a woman of twenty or twenty-five. Usually she is selected by the bridegroom's mother, who then uses her daughter-in-law for a household assistant. If her husband's mother dies, the wife then assists her father-in-law in bringing up the boy in a way that will turn him into a model husband.

Growth of Trees

The tree you set up at Christmas time and decorate with all sorts of ornaments, takes from six to ten years to grow, according to the American Tree association. Norway red and white spruce and balsam fir are best for this purpose. The best trees for posts, the locust and oak, are grown from twelve to twenty years. Twenty-five to thirty years are required to produce telegraph and telephone poles.—Popular Science Monthly.

At Home

At the supper table a discussion was brought up about a neighbor who had been in a wreck. It had not been the neighbor's fault, but he found out that he would have to pay for having his car fixed.

The elder son exclaimed, "I'll bet Mrs. G. is up in the air about it!" "Oh, no," spoke up five-year-old Charlotte, "she's at home!"

First Photographs

To England belongs the honor of producing the first photograph, by utilizing the observations of one Karl Wilhelm Scheele (1742-1786). Swedish chemist, who was the first to investigate the darkening action of sunlight on silver chloride.

The first book printed on paper made from cornstalks is on exhibition in New York City. Here is a real work on farm relief.

French City Supplies

Perfumes of Quality

The little town of Grasse, of 16,000 inhabitants, picturesquely situated on the French Riviera, is the greatest center in the world for the making of scents and perfumes.

During the past year the quantity of flowers used for the making of perfumes reached the total of 18,000,000 pounds. Included were orange blossoms, violets, jasmine, roses, taberrosa, carnations, casula, mimosa, mignonette and wallflowers. Thirty thousand pounds of roses are required for a single quart of essence of rose.

Called the "City of Scents," Grasse began its perfume-making away back in the sixteenth century, when Queen Catherine de Medici sent an expert to Grasse with the purpose of "founding a laboratory." The city's busiest period is from May to July. Then visitors are shown great shallow vats of liquid lard or some other equally basic preparation, upon which large quantities of flowers are laid, so that the greasy substance underneath may absorb any essence coming from these floral heaps.

When this process takes place the mass of fat is rolled down and other liquids are mixed with it, liquids having special properties for strengthening and retaining the particular perfume desired. Then comes the time to bottle, pack and transport the fragrant scents. No less than 400 factories are engaged in scent making in Grasse, which gives employment to 80 per cent of the population.

Bat Tribe Members

of Animal Kingdom

Bats are animals, not birds. They suckle their young at the breast and are classed by zoologists as flying mammals. There are more than 250 species and subspecies of bats in North America alone. Some of the tropical species are blood-sucking vampires, and others are fruit eaters, although nearly all the bats of the United States and farther north are insectivorous. Usually the female gives birth to one young, but cases of twins are not uncommon. One authority says on this subject: "They never make any nests or even attempt to fix over the crannies where they hide and where the little bats are born. These helpless little things are not left at home at the mercy of foraging rats and mice. When the old bat flies off into the twilight the youngsters often go with her, clinging about her neck. At times she deposits them on the branch of a tree, where they hang, sheltered by the leaves."

Novel Coined Phrase

The Jewish people are not often referred to as children of the ghetto, although the expression is the title of a very well-known novel by Israel Zangwill. Zangwill, a successful English novelist, wrote "Children of the Ghetto," a study of modern Jewish life, in 1892. He died in 1928.

Ghetto means the Jewish quarter in a European city. Ghettos have not existed, except in Russia and Poland, for about fifty years. Jewish people now living may have had grandfathers who were children of the ghetto but are not in any sense children of the ghetto themselves.

Movements of Waves

Roughness of waters depends to a large extent upon prevailing weather conditions as well as configuration of the coastline and of the ocean bed. The ocean as a whole is not necessarily rougher than a small body of water forming a sea. Many inland lakes may become extremely rough during a prevailing storm. For instance, the English channel, a narrow and partially enclosed body of water, is known to be one of the roughest in the world. Undoubtedly waves attain a greater height in the open ocean during a storm.

At Sunday School

The five-year-old son of a South side resident had just returned from the ever eventful first Sunday school class and was being questioned as to what he had learned during the course of the morning.

His mother asked: "What did the teacher say to you this morning, Charles?"

The youngster pondered a moment before answering. Then he looked up finally and said: "The teacher said to keep still."—Indianapolis News.

On the Ark

Noah (in cabin): "Water, water, not a thing in sight but water. I think I'm going mad." Mrs. Noah (entering from aviary): "Oh, here you are, dear. The dove just brought in a postcard for you." Noah: "Great! We're in touch with the outside world at last. What does it say?" Mrs. Noah: "It's from your 'conservative' and she just writes: 'To Mr. Noah—Oceans of love.' (They had dove for dinner)."—Kansas City Times.

Far From Perfect

"Why don't you call me a donkey and have done with it? You've hinted at it long enough," said the necked husband.

"It wouldn't be quite true," replied Mrs. Meek.

"I suppose not. I haven't ears long enough for that animal."

"Oh, yes, you have. You don't need longer ears."

"What do I need then?"

"Two more legs and a better voice."

Large Horses

The largest horse ever known is said to be the Equus giganteus, the skeleton of which was found in Texas in 1843. From the animal's teeth it was estimated that the horse would have measured 18 hands. The weight was not estimated. A percheron horse in France was known to be 17 1/2 hands and weighed over 2,200 pounds.

Hidden Outdoors

No one ever found his lost youth indoors.—American Magazine.

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We must close Jan. 12 for repairs, and must sell all stock possible before that time.

1-4 to 1-2 off on the entire stock.

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Gift Shop

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Scientists say that their investigations show that girls are born more talkative than boys. We always wondered why there was no remedy.

A Chicago woman predicts that the day will come when the drudgery of cooking at home will be eliminated by the community kitchen. The can opener has already eliminated a great deal of it.

Henry Ford is quoted as saying that no successful boy ever saved money. What should he do with it, buy gasoline?

Mental Transformation

In the course of some investigations of epilepsy, a French neurologist secured some specimens of writing before epileptic seizure and continued during that state. His report is that the part written in a normal and lucid state is correct as to form and content, while the part written in an epileptic state is incorrect in both content and form. The defects in the writing appear suddenly, with no transitional phase, and affect the penmanship and the composition. The letters have become curved, the outlines have been enlarged and the forms have been changed. The composition is a strange, incoherent conglomeration of words and ideas.

Wealth From "Scrap"

By the system of reclamation of the scrap pile now being generally followed by nearly all the railroad companies, bright new tin buckets, cups and other articles are being manufactured from old metal roofing, empty powder and carbide containers and other junk salvaged. Old broom handles are made into staffs for signal flags, old canvas is transformed into curtains for the locomotive cabs and coaches, steam-pipe coverings and aprons. Thrift practices such as these save the carriers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

MICKIE SAYS—

ONE THING YA GOTTA GIVE EDITORS CREDIT FOR IS KNOWIN' WHEN TO LEAVE THINGS OUT OF 'TA PAPER. WHY IF ANY EDITOR WUZ TO PRINT ALL HE KNOWS IN EVERY SINGLE ISSUE, 'TA GAZETTE WU'D TAKE A SUDDEN DROP



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Father Sage Says:



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FOR SALE—Dining table, buffet and bench wringer. Mrs. Walter LaMotte. Phone 10-w. 1-3-2

HELP WANTED—Telephone operators wanted at once. Call or phone 9913 Grayling City Telephone Co.

FOR SALE—Dining table, buffet and bench wringer. Mrs. Walter LaMotte. 1t

WANTED—A horse to keep for the winter, or will buy if price is right and if same may be bought on terms. William Ellis, Route 1, Roscommon, Mich.

FOR SALE—One wood heater and one hard coal heater. Both in first class condition. Phone 113-R, Roy Holmberg.

STRAYED—To my place, 1 Shropshire ram. Ed. Feldhauser, Star Route No. 1, Grayling, Mich.

BARGAIN OFFER FOR 200 ACRES—Close to Grayling. Look this over if interested. O. P. Schumann, realtor, Avalanche Bldg. Phone 111.

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AGRICULTURAL NOTES



Home Town Editors To Meet At M. S. C.

Publishers of Michigan's home town or "community" newspapers will gather at East Lansing on January 24, 25, and 26 this year for the annual conference of the Michigan Press Association.

Discussion of editorial and business problems, aimed at building a stronger rural press for service to thousands of readers, will feature the business sessions of the meeting. Leading figures in the nation's editorial, business, and political life are scheduled to speak at special gatherings of the conference.

More than a half century old, the Michigan Press Association includes in its membership over 200 publishers of weekly newspapers. Delegates from every corner of the state will "sit in" on the coming meeting. James Schermerhorn, of Detroit, known as "Jim" to Michigan newspapermen, will be a featured speaker at the association's annual banquet on Thursday evening, Jan. 24. A former publisher of a country weekly and president of the Michigan Press Association, Schermerhorn has earned a reputation in late years as one of America's leading after dinner speakers.

Table Stock Traded For Certified Seed

Members of the Cadillac Potato Growers Exchange are improving their seed stock through an arrangement which enables the growers to trade a bushel and a half of table stock potatoes for a bushel of certified seed.

The plan has been in operation for two years. This year, the Exchange placed two carloads of certified seed with 15 members of associations which are affiliated with the Exchange. The seed produced 15,000 bushels of excellent potatoes which will be used for seed by other members of the associations.

Each of the 15 growers produced his crop under the supervision of the farm crops department at Michigan State College and each field was sprayed five times. Check plots left unplanted in each field demonstrated that the spraying increased yields 42 bushels per acre.

Trials were also conducted to determine whether closeness of planting had any effect upon the percentage of hollow heart in the potatoes. It was found that, when the seed was planted 36 by 36 inches apart, 10.1 per cent of the potatoes were hollow. The use of fertilizer increased the yields 33 bushels per acre on the farms of the 15 growers. The analyses used were 2-12-6 and 0-10-10.

Always feed the dairy cow at regular hours. Dairy cows are very sensitive to changes in feeding routine.

To Get Good Chicks

Begin now to give special attention to feeding the breeders of the poultry flock, if you want early hatches and chicks of good quality, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The ration for breeders should have some what less corn meal and meat scraps than that for the layers. On the other hand, milk, minerals, and green feed are of particular importance in the breeding ration. It is very desirable to have an abundance of vitamins in the breeding ration, and 2 quarts of cod-liver oil added to every 100 pounds of mash will enable the breeders to utilize the minerals in the ration. Direct sunlight is beneficial and all breeders should be allowed outdoors as much as possible. If the ground is covered with snow, keep the windows of the poultry house open whenever possible. Yearling birds usually produce better chicks than

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"If Konjola will do for others what it has done for me, it is a Godsend to humanity and I strongly recommend it to those in poor health," said Miss Gertrude Celinski, 4559 Maybury Road, Detroit, Michigan. "My condition became so bad within two weeks' time that I was forced to give up my employment and seek medical aid. I was told constipation was the cause of all my health troubles. Terrible pains thru my stomach and chest kept me awake at night and in the morning, I felt more dead than alive. My nerves were so upset that I often cried as though all the troubles in the world were mine. Skin eruptions began to appear on my face and for three months, I tried every known soap and lotion recommended to clear the skin."

"Finally, Konjola was recommended and two bottles of this medicine did me more good than all the doctors. I had done for several months. It cleared my skin better than any soap or lotion and built up my whole system."

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Ear of City Dweller Has No Rest Period

Between beats the heart rests, and between breaths the lungs and diaphragm have an instant's respite. All the nerves and muscles of the body have some time when they are relieved of duty except those of the ear in the noisy city. This is pointed out by ear specialists, who say something must be done about it to lower the amount of deafness.

(City noises going on day and night keep the ear drum and the tiny bones about it in a constant state of vibration. People accustomed to them sleep comfortably through normal night sounds because the nerves are adapted to something like a temporary disconnection with the brain centers.)

Nocturnal periods of rest for the ears seem as remote for the average city dweller as the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow. His days and nights are a bedlam of motor exhausts and horns, the footsteps and voices of passersby and the thousand and one other noises of the city street. —Lebanon Reporter.

The Birth of London

No one can say when London began; the beginning is lost in the mists of time. London is first mentioned in a passage in Tacitus, a Roman historian whose uncle, General Agricola, spent most of his active military career in Britain. Tacitus describes the Roman London of A. D. 61 when it was sacked by Queen Boadicea—the British warrior-queen.

It is one of the strangest things in London's history, that she should first appear at the moment when she was sacked by a British queen, and that that queen's statue should now stand in a place of honor under the palace of Westminster, looking down the Thames. It is strange, but it marks that peculiar position of London as the meeting place of the races out of which the English people were made.

Let Well Enough Alone

Generally the man who thinks that his wife doesn't understand him would be out of luck if she did. —Burlington Republican.

Vigilant Law Officer Had Seen 'Em Doing It

Speeding across the country from Los Angeles to New York by motor, two motion-picture celebrities were held up by the constable in a small town and, as usual, the officer had all the advantage on his side. He refused to give them a ticket and finally compromised by taking them directly before the judge.

The constable was very hot under the collar and declared he would make it hot for them, but the couple were hardly prepared for the outraged officer's charge in court.

"Your honor," he announced pompously, "this is a couple of motion-picture people and the charge I'm preferring against them is arson."

"Arson?" roared one of the accused. "What do you mean? We were never out of our car till you flagged us!"

"You was burnin' up the road, an' I'm preferin' the charge of arson against you," insisted the constable, and even the court had to laugh as he let them off with a five dollar fine.

Historians Unable to Place Queen of Sheba

The nationality of the queen of Sheba, mentioned in the Bible in connection with the King Solomon, is unknown for certain. It is supposed, however, that "Sheba," is merely a variation of the word "Saba," which was the name of a country on the Red sea in southwestern Arabia. This region is now known as Yemen. The Sabaeans were dark-complexioned white people and belonged to the same general family of mankind as the Hebrews. They had extensive colonies in Africa, where they mingled with the Ethiopians, with whom they are sometimes confused. The Abyssinians have a tradition that the queen of Sheba who visited Solomon was a monarch of their country and their royal family claims descent from Menelik, an alleged son of the queen of Sheba by King Solomon. The queen who made herself famous by her spectacular visit to King Solomon was very likely the same person known in history as Queen Balkis of the Sabaeans. —Pathfinder Magazine.

Wild

Dave and a group of other country lads were spending the afternoon trying to yoke up a couple of calves. Try as they would, they could catch only one calf, so Dave volunteered to be yoked up with it. The frightened animal immediately bolted, as soon as the straps were tightened, taking the yoked and helpless Dave along with it. Away they went, careening into trees and banging against fences. As soon as the other boys could recover a little from their gales of laughter, they set out to capture the assorted pair, and were advancing toward them, when the human half, in a warning tone, begged "Come up easy, boys! We're wild as heck!"

Animal Weather Prophets

The cat always has been regarded by observant people as a reliable weather prophet. When kitty rushes around with her caudal appendage high in the air, they say "pussy has wind in her tail, it's going to blow." Fishermen declare that the cat and wireless as a weather prophet cannot compare with pigs. A pet pig in the codfishing bark Seawell foretold storms in the Far North with such accuracy, they assert, that it saved the lives of all on board three times. Hours in advance of a storm, the pig would run to and fro on deck squealing and leaping sidelong. The fishermen made their preparations accordingly, and on each occasion the storm failed to take them unawares.

Wayside Inn

There are a number of reasons why Americans have a special sentiment for the Wayside Inn, a tavern at whose doors many notable visitors have asked hospitality—George Washington, Marquis de Lafayette, Daniel Webster. It was so well known for its good service and good cheer that Longfellow chose it as the meeting place of the friends that recounted the rhymed narratives called "Tales of a Wayside Inn." Longfellow used occasionally to go there to spend the night and to enjoy the companionship of Landlord Howe.

Active Centenarian

Although past one hundred five, Daniel Robinson, of Maghery, Ireland, is still busy fishing. He seldom misses a day with hook and line, and when out fishing with his grandson recently caught twenty pike. Robinson lives with his son who is seventy-five, and both draw old-age pensions. In the house next to him are his granddaughter and baby great-grandson. The aged man declares that he has never been sick a day in his life. He does not smoke, drinks very little and prefers buttermilk to porter.

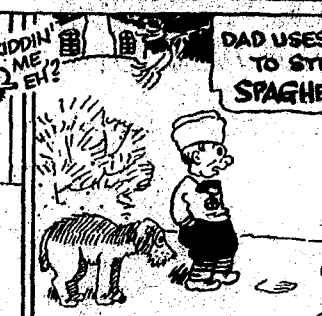
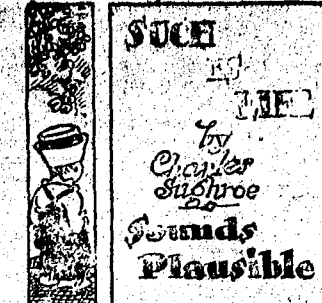
Wed to Get Clean Shirts

In the course of a trial in Brighton, England, a police court judge asked a man if he never loved his wife why he married her. The accused husband's answer was, "To get a clean shirt." The astounded magistrate sentenced him to do the household washing for one year, and told the aggrieved wife to report to him if the man didn't do a good job. The magistrate's parting remark was: "Now you will have clean shirts."

Father Sage Says

The meaning of the abbreviation "Dr." depends entirely upon whether it is placed before or after a man's name.

Somebody said the other day that Chicago was the best advertised city in the world. And how!



EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Max Libermann, German artist, says that the way to keep young is never to look back. Well if you never look back while crossing the street it's a cinch you'll never have the chance to grow old.

What we would like to know is how much shorter the skirt will have to get before it becomes a flounce?

It is said that they now train detectives in New York by sending them out to find a parking place for an automobile. When the applicant finds one he gets a badge.

The fellow who makes money on the stock market is the one who can see the breakers ahead in time to put on his swimming suit.

The president of Austria has fourteen children and is said to be very frugal. No wonder.

There is a move on foot now to change the calendar and we have a suspicion that the landlords are behind it in an effort to make rent day come around oftener.

A lot of people who go to New Year's eve parties may not have to make any resolutions the next day, at least refraining from bootleg liquor about refraining from bootleg liquor in the future.

It's our opinion that when we get into war again, the best way to create an irresistible force that the enemy can't even slow up, will be to put a regiment of taxi-drivers in the front line.

One thing favorable to father has happened since mother took to smoking. He doesn't get blamed so often for the ashes on the parlor rug.

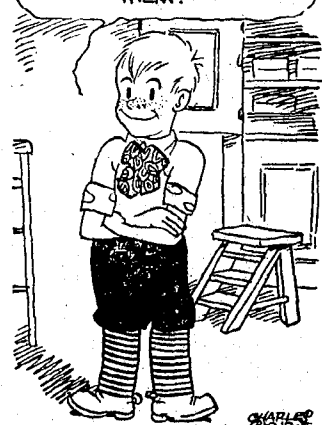
Just One more

Bobby, a five-year-old Irvington boy, has reached the inquisitive age. The other day he was particularly annoying, and his mother was busy answering his questions. Finally she could stand it no longer. "Bobby, stop asking those foolish questions and run out and play," she ordered. "Oh, just one more," pleaded Bobby. "Say, if I was twins, which one would I be?" —Indianapolis News.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, January 4, 1906

Dr. E. G. Payne of Roscommon has sold his drug store and will give his time to the practice of his profession. Mr. and Mrs. Hyl spent their Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Snively, of Roscommon.

O. F. Barnes was up from the ranch last week, after spending Christmas with the family in Lansing. He reports stock feeding well.

The new furnace in the Presbyterian church was used Sunday for the first time, and promises to be all that was hoped.

The Electric Co. have installed new lamps in the streets, so that the lights are now eminently satisfactory, and claimed to be as good as any in town in the state.

J. A. Morrison, manager of the Central Drug store went to his home at Cass City for the New Year holiday. He deserved the trip after his strenuous year of labor.

Surveyor Newman was doing some work at Underhill's ranch near Lovells last week, and says we did not give half the facts in our description of the improvements. The stock is fine, and there is plenty of forage for all, raised on the farm.

Besides the thousands of Christmas gifts which were presented here last week, over 200 turkeys and geese were presented to the customers of our business men, and hundreds of baskets laden with grocery supplies were distributed among the worthy, by their employers. We believe no poor family in the village was overlooked. Verily, "Grayling is the best town in the state."

John J. Niederer was doing business in Roscommon the last of the week.

There has been but one criminal case reported in this county since October 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Trumley paid a holiday visit to their daughter at Lewistown last week.

Mrs. L. B. Niles who is teaching at Lovells is enjoying a two weeks vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. W. Becker spent last week in Detroit with the children, and getting acquainted with the new grandson.

Prof. Clark and his orchestra went to Gaylord for the K. P. Parlor, Monday evening. Our neighbors know

where the best music comes from and they must have the best. It is reported as a very enjoyable occasion.

The New Year starts out with fine business weather, good sleighing, and just snow enough, with swamp roads easily made and freezing.

Mrs. J. A. Leighton went to Kalkaska last week and stayed to spend Christmas with the Dr., who is looking after his lumbering interests in that vicinity.

Elmer Ostrander was in town last week with a load of wood drawn by a frisky pair of steers in a yoke, the first seen here in several years, except a couple of single fellows driven to harness.

Augustus Funck completed a three inch tubular well last week for O. F. Barnes on the ranch that, with the gasoline engine, pumps forty barrels an hour. The well is 110 feet deep.

Circuit Court convenes next Monday. There is not a criminal case on the docket, and not a civil case, except an argument on Demurrer.

Word was received here last week of the death of Frank L. Hadley at Holly, on Thursday. He was resident of this village twenty years ago, and built the home now owned by Jno. Leese, but later returned to his farm where he died. He had been an invalid for a long time and his death was not unexpected.

Charles Stanard has exhibited at our office a United States Land patent, dated August 5th, 1837, signed by Martin VanBuren, President, issued to Nathaniel Nelson of Genesee County, a brother of Mr. Stanard's grandmother. The ancient document is in a perfect state of preservation and will last centuries longer.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents at Gaylord, Dec. 25, 1905, Uri Shirts of Grayling, and Miss Viola Sherwood.

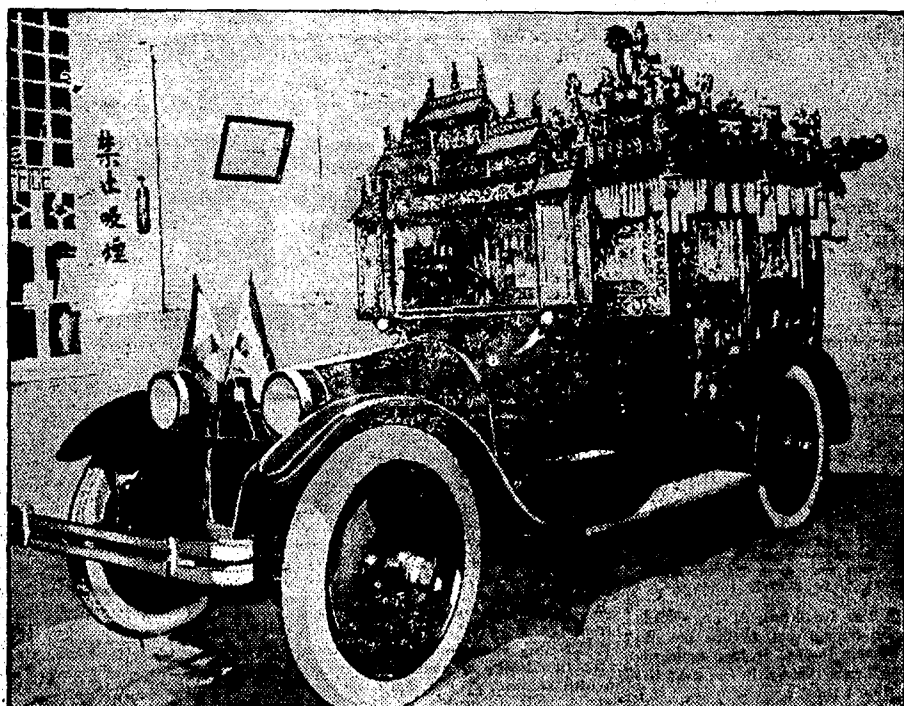
Mrs. Tillie Sparks and the children have returned from a pleasant visit in Illinois.

Prof. J. E. Bradley and family returned Monday from their Christmas outing at Leroy.

The addition to our school house is practically completed and will be ready for occupancy. It was greatly needed.

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The Wedding March—1928



On a Buick chassis is mounted this flower-decked sedan of a Chinese bride, ready for the procession that will carry her to her new home. Motor cars rapidly are replacing the poles upon which coolies for centuries have borne the bride's sedan.

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Local Happenings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1929

It's time to write it 1929.

Fred Hoessli is absent from the A. & P. store and entertaining the flu.

Mrs. E. L. Buckley returned Monday from Chicago, where she had been visiting relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett entertained the former's brother John R. Bates of Bay City over New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Vincent and family of Flint have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sherman.

Messrs. Leo Schram, Don Cox and a Mr. Hodgson came up from Flint yesterday for a short visit. They are returning today.

Mrs. O. W. Hanson is at Mercy Hospital, where she has been having a siege of the flu. However she is recovering nicely.

Peter Reuter returned Saturday from a week's visit in Detroit with his brother, who is ill, having suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dreher returned to Detroit the last of the week after a pleasant visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan returned Sunday from Battle Creek, where she went to be in attendance at the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Frank Klackring.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell returned to Mt. Pleasant Sunday after a couple of weeks visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen.

Mrs. Jess Sales of Detroit is spending a couple of weeks visiting her father, Lars Nelson. Mrs. Sales accompanied by her father went to Johannesburg to visit over New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Raas.

Charles Abbott has sold his drug store in West Branch to E. S. Standard of Owosso. Haven't heard what Charlie intends to do now. He is a capable pharmacist and store manager and no doubt won't be idle long.

Miss Emma Hanson of Houghton Lake visited her sister Mrs. A. J. Nelson Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the Nelsons enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Nelson's sister, Miss Caroline Hanson who is a student at Ypsilanti State Normal College.

Miss Shirley McNeven of Bay City was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven from Friday until Monday. Miss Shirley is attending the Bay City Business College, where she is taking up some special subjects.

Coats at less than cost at the Gift Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrison spent New Year's with relatives in Ithaca.

Miss Helen Pond is spending the week in Mackinaw City visiting Miss Arla Ewalt.

16 inch hardwood for sale, \$5.00 per load. Phone orders promptly to Peter Larson, phone 43-R.

The County Board of Supervisors convened in session Wednesday, with all members present.

Chris Olsen has been a patient at Mercy Hospital for the past week having a siege of the flu.

Einer Jorgenson returned to Detroit Monday after a couple of weeks visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Jorgenson.

Mrs. S. J. Graham, who is in Buffalo for the winter months arrived Tuesday to visit her mother Mrs. R. Hanson for a time.

Walter Cowell is able to be back in his tontorial parlor again after being laid up for several days with an injury he received in a fall.

Misses Mildred Ostrander and "Boots" LaMotte accompanied Bill Caid and John Kellogg to Lovells Wednesday and attended a party.

Clinton McNeven of Bay City visited Howard Granger over the week end, enjoying the toboggan slide at Lake Margrethe while here.

We have some beautiful coats still on hand that we will make you wonderful prices on. Come and see us. Redson & Cooley.

Wm. Leng of Frederic was in Grayling Friday enroute to the Auto Show at Detroit. He said he would bring back a new 1929 Graham-Paige for an exhibition car at his showrooms in Frederic. Before returning he will take a month's vacation visiting relatives in Ohio.

The first newcomers of the new year to Crawford County that we have learned of, are twin daughters, that were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Custer of Riverview this morning. Mother and babies are at the home of Mrs. Jerry Sherman, where they are getting along nicely.

Alvin E. Crumm of Toledo, who with Mrs. Crumm and the latter's sister, Florence Duryea of Detroit, visited in Grayling from Thursday until Saturday was very enthusiastic about this part of the north country. This was Mr. Crumm's first visit here and he made good use of his time visiting the many places he had heard so much about. He said on leaving that he would surely come back again soon, and often. Mr. Crumm holds a responsible position with the Franz Stone Company of Toledo. Mrs. Crumm was formerly Lillie Mae Eastman.

Dresses ¼ off at the Gift Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Boening and little son spent New Year's in Traverse City.

Junior Wakeley left Tuesday night for Detroit where he will work this winter for General Motors Co.

Miss Josephine Collier arrived yesterday from Detroit to spend a few days, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoessli.

Miss Eleonore Schumann returned to her teaching in Grand Rapids Wednesday. She was accompanied by her mother who will remain for the week.

Miss Virginia Hanson returned yesterday afternoon to Chicago, where she attends school after spending the holidays here. Her father T. W. Hanson accompanied her.

Master John Yager of Bay City who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Burke over Christmas returned home Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Burke accompanied him by auto.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah E. McKay at her home in Frederic this morning. Mrs. McKay was the mother of Mrs. Annette E. Stannard of that place.

Word was received this morning saying that Will Moon, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moon, deceased, formerly of Beaver Creek township, had committed suicide at Jackson, Mich. No details accompanied the message.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Lena Meistrup Hughes at her home in Detroit on New Year's Eve. Mrs. Hughes will be remembered by many of our people as she resided here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meistrup at one time.

A revolving wheel with the greeting "Happy New Year 1929" fills the space of one of the windows at the Grayling 5c to \$1.00 store. The lettering is in silver on a pale blue background and is operated electrically. It is attracting a lot of attention.

Misses Margrethe and Olga Nelson had as their guest Saturday Miss Margaret Ardis of Lake City. On New Year's day they enjoyed having Miss Sylvia Rothenberger, who was enroute from her home in Boyne City to Detroit, where she is teaching this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaw (Alice Jennings), Mr. and Mrs. Earl Madsen (Alice Wakeley) and Mr. and Mrs. Armitage of Detroit spent a few days at Shaw's Park on the AuSable hunting rabbits. They returned to Detroit New Year's day. All had a very good time.

If you'll tell the manager of the A. & P. store that you MUST have Grayling bread, he'll darn soon see that they sell that kind too. You'll not only be helping a Grayling industry but will be getting better bread as well. Keep at it until every store in Grayling sells Grayling bread.

During the yuletide season Mrs. Kjolhede, wife of Rev. Kjolhede entertains various groups of the Danish people. Tomorrow evening the members of the choir of the Danish-Lutheran church and other young people of the church will be her guests. Delicious coffee and lunch is served by the hostess on each occasion.

Several relatives of Mr. and Mrs. David LaMotte met at their home in the afternoon of New Year's day, where they enjoyed playing cards, remaining for supper and for the evening. The visitors were some of their children and Mrs. LaMotte's sisters and their husbands. New Year's is generally spoken of as Frenchmen's day, and usually on the occasion they make merry.

Emerson Brown is leaving today for Detroit, and on January 7th will leave there for Mt. Plymouth, Florida, where he and his orchestra, the "Tunesters", will furnish music for the Mt. Plymouth Club hotel. He says he will have an orchestra of five pieces of which he is the director. The "Tunesters" filled a similar engagement at Mt. Plymouth last winter at which time the orchestra was under direction of Ange Lorenzo. One of the finest golf courses in America is located at Mt. Plymouth and Emerson says that the members of the orchestra are privileged to use it, and he is looking forward to a pleasant winter season.

LeRoy Sherman, seven years old, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Sherman of Mancelona passed away at noon on New Year's day of diphtheria. Besides his parents, the little boy is survived by three brothers, William, Jerry and Junior. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman and the three children are all ill with the flu and in answer to a telegram Mrs. Nettie Sherman, mother of the former drove over to Mancelona to care for them. She was accompanied by her son Jerry and granddaughter, Mrs. James Bugby. However Mr. Sherman and Mrs. Bugby on learning the nature of the disease that caused the little boy's death did not go into the home.

Postmaster Melvin A. Bates was called to Syracuse, New York, Sunday by the death of his father, J. K. Bates, who passed away that afternoon. The remains arrived in Grayling yesterday afternoon for burial and the funeral will be held tomorrow (Friday), with services at the Bates home at two o'clock. The deceased was an old and well known resident of this county and is remembered by many. Those who have arrived to be in attendance at the funeral are a daughter Mrs. Bert Hosley and her daughter Mrs. Fred Glahn of Syracuse; a son Henry Bates of Detroit and his daughter Mrs. A. E. Ludwig of Milwaukee; Mrs. Alfred Hermann and Mrs. Harry Pond of Lansing and Mrs. E. W. Brady of Pontiac. More particulars concerning the deceased will appear in our next week's issue.

Take your prescriptions to the Central Drug Store.

Junior Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Leslie of Beaver Creek, is a patient at Mercy Hospital, having been threatened with pneumonia.

There will be a regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at the hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Miss Annabelle McLeod, who was taken to Mercy Hospital Saturday night threatened with pneumonia is improving, which will be glad news to her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Scott accompanied by the latter's father and sister Charles Ostrander and Miss Mildred motored to Lansing Saturday to remain for the winter.

Soren Andreason of Flint was in Grayling over the week end coming on business and to visit friends. He was a guest at the home of Nick Schlotz while here.

The Hospital Aid society will meet Thursday, January 10th at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson. Mrs. Charles Tromble and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen will assist in entertaining.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Michelson Memorial church that was to have been held next Wednesday has been postponed indefinitely.

Two-cord load of soft wood slabs delivered, \$5.00. Two-cord load hardwood slabs delivered, \$6.00. Phone 37. Grayling Manf. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarmin are enjoying a visit from the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jarmin of Bay City. They also had as their guests over New Year's Mrs. Jarmin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradley Hawthorne of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson returned Saturday from Detroit, where they visited over Christmas with their children, Bennie, Miss Helga and Mrs. Ralph Warner of Detroit, their son Ernest and family of Pontiac joining the family in Detroit for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goodrick and Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Crandall motored up from Flint and spent the holidays with the ladies' mother Mrs. David White. On New Year's eve they with Mr. and Mrs. White were guests at the home of their sister Mrs. Tracy Nelson to watch the old year out and the new one in and on New Year's day all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. White.

Each unit of the American Legion Auxiliary are given a certain quota to fill each year as part of their welfare work, which is aside from their local activities. So as to give the public an idea of what the Women's Auxiliary are doing, following is the quota for 1928 which has been cheerfully filled: 61 quarts of fruit, 40 of which was shipped to the American Legion Hospital, Battle Creek, 10 quarts to the United States Veterans Hospital, Battle Creek, and 11 quarts to the Children's billet at Otter Lake. An outfit of a bathrobe, 2 suits of pajamas and 1 pair of bedroom slippers for one patient at American Legion Hospital; a sweater and two pair of overalls for a six year old boy at the Children's billet at Otter Lake. The latter place is where orphans of deceased ex-service men are cared for. Also \$5.00 to the Neimann Scholarship fund, and \$3.00 for the National convention fund. All this was accomplished with but a small organization of seventeen members. Now is the time to join the Auxiliary, those eligible being wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of members of the American Legion. Every woman, who had a husband, son, father or brother in the service during the World War should feel proud to belong to and assist in the work of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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DETERMINES HEIRS IN WOOD ESTATE

OVER HALF MILLION INVOLVED. INCLUDES S. B. RANCH

At the last Monday session of the probate court of this county, Judge Sorenson passed judgment in the determination of heirs in the Mary Wood estate.

It appears that two wills had been filed. One will left much of the property to an organization of which the deceased husband of Mrs. Wood had been a stockholder, and whose interests went to Mrs. Wood; a later will bequeathed the property to a son, Albert B. Lincoln of Detroit and a sister.

Attorneys for both sides appeared in court in behalf of their clients. At the hearing Monday Judge Sorenson ruled that the last will and testament of the deceased would stand. This will leave the property to the brother and sister.

The inventory value of the property amounts to over \$600,000, and includes what is known as the South Branch ranch, valued at about \$60,000. The remainder of the property is in stocks and bonds and are on file in Detroit and California.

Mr. Albert B. Lincoln was appointed by the court as special administrator of the estate to take the place of Mr. Austin of Detroit who had been previously appointed. We understand that the attorneys for those named in the first will intend to appeal the case.

MICKIE SAYS—

LISTEN, MR. MERCHANT, JUST BECAUSE SOME CITY FIRM SENDS YOU READING NOTICES ABOUT THEIR PRODUCT AN' SETS "TAKE THIS TO YOUR EDITOR—HE'LL BE GLAD TO PRINT IT FREE AS NEWS," THAT DON'T MEAN HE WILL BY SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES!



Father Sage Says:

Some men say worse things than they mean, and some mean worse things than they say.

NOTICE—TAXES ARE DUE
The tax roll for Grayling township is now in my hands for collection. You may call on any day at my service station between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. and pay your taxes.
ALFRED HANSON,
Township Treasurer.

NOTICE

Conditions Alter Bidding
The average woman wants her husband to do her bidding everywhere unless they are attending an auction sale—Louisville Times

This is to notify the public that I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by others than myself.
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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Hoover Hurrying to Washington, Perhaps Because of Farm Relief Puzzle.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

CONFUSION in congress concerning plans for farm relief legislation has caused President-elect Hoover to postpone his visit to Florida and hurry to Washington. His change of plans was announced from the U. S. S. "Itah," on which he was returning to the United States. The warship will bring Mr. Hoover direct to Old Point Comfort, Va., where he is due to land January 8 and whence he will go to the capital for a stop of about ten days before going to Miami Beach.

Though Mr. Hoover said the change in his itinerary was due to pressure of personal affairs, it is estimated he would not concern himself with pending legislation before his inauguration. It was taken for granted in Washington that he felt it advisable to survey the farm relief situation on the ground. Vice President-elect Curtis and others are in favor of legislation in that line at this session, and on their suggestion Senators Fess and McNary asked Mr. Hoover at Rio de Janeiro calling his influence in support of their position. He did not reply, so McNary talked with him by long-distance telephone, telling the President-elect that he was confident the opposition to immediate legislation would be routed if Mr. Hoover would take a determined stand in its favor. Mr. Hoover was noncommittal, but soon after decided to come to Washington as soon as possible. Probably Mr. Hoover would be glad to avoid calling a special session of the new congress in the spring, but influential groups, including the American Farm Bureau federation, wish to postpone farm legislation, feeling that a more satisfactory measure can be obtained from the new congress. Senators Borah and Brookhart insist on such postponement and have announced that they will filibuster legislation at this session unless Mr. Hoover definitely promises to call the special session for farm relief. A filibuster might cause the failure of appropriation bills, and this of itself would necessitate a special session. Representative Dickinson of Iowa, leader of the farm bloc in the house, and some of his associates want postponement because they do not wish President Coolidge to appoint the federal farm board that will administer relief.

MR. HOOVER has not yet given an inkling of the make-up of his cabinet, but those who would select his aids for him are getting busier every day. A rumor that the Commerce portfolio had been offered to Julius Rosenberg, the multimillionaire Chicago merchant, was flatly denied by that gentleman. For secretary of state those most frequently mentioned are Senator Borah, Charles E. Hughes, Roland W. Boyden of Boston and Ambassadors Fletcher, Morrow and Houghton. W. J. Donovan, General Pershing and Hanford MacNider are suggested for secretary of war. It is generally believed the only members of the Coolidge cabinet who will be retained are Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Postmaster General Nease and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur.

Christmas on the Utah was a happy day for all. Captain Train and his officers gave the Hoover party an elaborate dinner on the deck, little presents were given and received and there was an exchange of radio greetings with the Presidents of the Latin American countries and with Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge. Mrs. Hoover slipped away from the feast long enough to visit a number of sailors in the sick bay and make them joyful with greetings and gifts.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE on Christmas eve lighted the great national Christmas tree near the White House and the traditional singing of old Christmas carols took place on the north lawn. Next day Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and several others left for Georgia to spend several days hunting and fishing at Howard E. Coffin's winter home on Sapelo Island. In the party was Frank O. Salisbury, a British artist, who has been commissioned by the New York Genealogical and Biographical society to paint a portrait of the President to be hung in the organization's new home in New York city. Mr. Salisbury recently did a portrait of King George of England. The President sat for the British painter during his stay in Georgia.

PLANS for the convocation of reparations experts have been agreed upon by the allies and Germany, and the governments of those lands have asked for participation by American experts. President Coolidge and his administration gave this proposition their approval, with the stipulation that the choice of the Americans be made and they be appointed by the foreign governments. In this way the administration avoids becoming officially involved in the settlement of reparations, a question which it holds does not concern the United States. It was announced in Paris that the allied governments would submit the names of Owen D. Young and Dwight W. Morrow, with Rufus C. Dawes as alternate, as the American observers. The appointments are to be submitted to President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg for informal approval. Our government is now, as always, determined that the settlement of the reparations question shall not be entangled with the question of revision of the war debts owed to America.

THOUGH the League of Nations council assumes credit for a peaceful settlement of the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay, the plan to be followed was formulated by the Pan-American arbitration conference in Washington. It establishes an international panel of nine judges, two to

be selected by each of the belligerent states and the other five by the arbitral panel. According to the plan, the jurisdiction of the tribunal, how many would be selected by the belligerent states and how many by the arbitral panel, was the subject of controversy between Bolivia and Paraguay over the frontier claims which occurred in the month of December. It would not deal with the larger problem of the general boundary relations between the two countries. Should conciliation prove impossible, then the commission would publish a report as to the facts found and also would fix the responsibility for the events which occurred.

The Paraguayan ministry of war has ordered the demobilization of the troops that were enrolled during the crisis over the Gran Chaco boundary.

MEXICAN rebels, who are exceedingly active in several regions, burned the supports of a railway bridge across a canyon in Chihuahua, and a train on the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient line crashed to the bottom of the ravine, two trainmen being killed and 80 persons hurt. The train was carrying many notable ceremonies at the opening of a branch line. President Portes Gil has announced that in the future all rebels or revolutionaries captured will be given the benefit of trial by jury, or at least court-martial, the policy of summarily executing them being ordered discontinued.

COMMANDER RICHARD E. BYRD on Christmas day sent the following wireless message to Secretary of the Navy Wilbur:

"We have reached today the great mysterious ice barrier. It presents to us an ice cliff higher than the mast of the ship. On this Christmas day we are thankful and proud to report that we have been able to carry the American flag several hundred miles farther south than it has ever been, and it seems fitting that an airplane, that instrument of good will, should reach its farthest south on Christmas day.

"We are 2,400 statute miles from the nearest human dwelling in the only area in the world where a ship can get so far from civilization. That we are here safely is due to Providence and my loyal and stout-hearted shipmates, who have worked together unselfishly as a unit. It will probably be some days before we get ashore, on account of ice that will be in the Bay of Whales. BYRD."

LITTLE navy propagandists may be pleased to learn that even if the United States builds the fifteen cruisers for which a bill is pending in congress, our navy would still be far below parity with that of Great Britain. Statistics showing this were made public by Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and Chairman Hale of the senate naval affairs committee, to combat the arguments of those opposing the measure. The pacifists are redoubting their efforts against the proposed naval legislation. The citizens' committee, a New York organization, has called for a nation-wide cruiser conference in Washington on January 8, under the auspices of the "Washington council on international relations." At this meeting, according to the announcement, delegates from each state will interview their senators and then report back to the conference on their position in regard to the cruiser bill. "The cruiser bill should not pass," is the watchword.

KING GEORGE suffered a relapse on Thursday that caused renewed anxiety because of his extreme weakness. He showed a disinclination to take nourishment and his physicians were plainly concerned, admitting he continued to have a narrow margin of safety. The ray therapy treatment was resumed.

CHINA'S five greatest military leaders and a large number of other army men met in Nanking under the auspices of the Nationalist government to confer on the disbanding of troops, the organization of a national army and the establishment of a military financial budget. The big five were President Chiang Kai-shek, Gen. Feng Yu-shiang, Gen. Hsi-shan, Gen. Li Chai-sun and Gen. Li Tsung-jen. Colonel Bauer, German military expert, was on hand to give them advice. The correspondent of a Shanghai paper predicts the early fall of Chiang Kai-shek's government and says Feng Yu-shiang will be the leader of the new element in the Kuomintang party, composed of the radical younger members.

LATEST reports from Kabul declare the Afghan capital is still quiet, but the danger of the situation is shown by the fact that Amir Abdullah has sent his queen and his mother to another city and most of the foreign women have been removed by airplane. The rebels are said to have been evicted from the heights near Kabul and driven back forty miles, but volunteers are still "rushing to the defense of the government."

FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN F. LANGLEY, sent to the penitentiary at Atlanta for conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws and paroled by President Coolidge two years ago, has been pardoned and had his citizenship rights restored. But Mr. Coolidge, before he acted, received from Langley a pledge that he would not seek re-election to his old seat in congress. Mrs. Langley, who was elected to succeed her husband and re-elected last November, will not seek another term.

AMERICANS who want to go to Havana for—well, for the climate, are being favored just now by a rate war started by the Cunard line. The steamer Caronia was taken from the Cuba run, and the Ward line promptly cut its passenger rates 25 per cent. This action was followed by the United Fruit and the Munson lines last week. Cunard officials said these reductions would not affect the rates on the Caronia.

AMONG the deaths of the week was that of John Merle Coulter,

son of Abner Coulter, the famous Tennessee politician, at his home in New York City. He was seventy-seven years old. Coulter was a member of university faculties for fifty-four years, was president of Yale University and in 1919 was president of the American Association of University Professors.

Teacher, social and civic leader, well-known New York banker and sports enthusiast, died suddenly in Baltimore.

More Speculation as to "First Americans"

Did the natives of the New World communicate with the inhabitants of the Old World before the discovery of America by the Norsemen about the year 1000? This is always an interesting question for speculation, says the *Washington Post*. Carlos Mercedo, a Latin American investigator, reports that near Esmeraldas, in Ecuador, he excavated pieces of pottery containing inscriptions resembling Egyptian hieroglyphics, Arabian numbers and drawings indicating Greek, Phoenician and Mongolian characteristics. These articles were found in the ruins of an ancient Indian civilization.

Mercado states that he spent seven years excavating with a view of unearthing valuable metals. More than 10,000 archeological pieces were discovered. One piece is described as resembling a reproduction of the tower of Babel, and a stone figure suggests Samson embracing the fragments of two stone columns. The pieces also contain what seem to be Aztec or Mayan inscriptions.

Pumice Stone Used as Substitute for Razor

If your razor is used by the wife to sharpen a pencil or by a young hopeful for a screw-driver, use pumice stone to shave yourself with.

Samuel Pepys used pumice stone. Writing on Sunday, May 25, 1662, the diarist says: "To trimming myself, which I this week have done every morning, with a pumice stone, which I learnt of Mr. Marsh, when I was last at Portsmouth; and I shall continue the practice of it." Six days later he tells us: "I cut off all my beard, which I have been a great while bringing up only that I may with my pumice stone do my whole face, as I now do my chin, and to save time, which I find a very easy way and gentle." The Arabs of Palestine often use pumice stone to "clean up" after shaving with pieces of broken glass bottles.

Sing Sing

Sing Sing is a famous New York state prison located at Ossining, a town on the Hudson river about 80 miles north of New York city, says the *Kansas City Times*. The town itself was originally also called Sing Sing, supposedly from the Sing Sing or Sing Sing tribe of Indians, who once lived in that vicinity. In 1901 the name of the town was officially changed to Ossining, the old name having become objectionable to the inhabitants because of its popular association with the penitentiary. "Ossining" is merely a different form of "Sing Sing," both words being corruptions of the Delaware Indian word "ash-shin-sink," literally meaning "at the small stone." There is nothing to the popular story that Sing Sing was named after a friendly Indian whom the whites called John Sing Sing.

Coral Reefs Inland

Mention of coral reefs brings to one's mind a picture of palm-dotted islets girt with white sands in a tropical sea, but geologists find coral reefs in the midst of great continents. These, of course, belong to a past age of the earth's history, but on that account they are the more interesting. Within late years several remarkable reefs of fossil coral have been explored near Bainbridge, on the Flint river, in Georgia. In one case a very large portion of the reef exposed consisted of coral heads, some of which were more than a foot in diameter. Between 25 and 30 species of coral have been recognized in these reefs. They are ascribed to the Tertiary age.

His First Chance

The foreman of the roadmenders had been taken ill suddenly, and his right-hand man, Patrick O'Casey, was duly promoted to the post temporarily. On the foreman's subsequent return he was surprised to find Patrick the only man working, and inquired as to the absence of the others.

"Where's all the boys, Pat?"

"O' sacker ivery man o' them," replied the Irishman, with a grin. "It's not often Oi have a chance of showing the authority; but, beed, Oi made the most of my opportunity yesterday to be sure."—London Answers.

Forty Years After

Two boyhood playmates met in a Brooklyn court. One was the judge, the other the prisoner, a ragged, nerve-wracked picture of failure. "Tom, do you remember me?" the judge asked. "Yes," answered Tom, his hands shaking and his voice quivering. He was being arraigned for the eighteenth time for intoxication. He had been in the workhouse five times. He was fifty-five. "You and I were playmates," the judge recalled. "You were going to be a great lawyer and I was going to be a truck driver."

The Poppy

According to mythology, the poppy was created by Ceres, in order that she might forget grief in the sleep it produced. The Romans regarded the flower as a symbol of death and dedicated it to Somnus, god of sleep.

Superstition looks upon the poppies that bloom on battlefields as the blood of the slain soldiers. A strange fact about the flower is that it does not agree with other blooms, and placed in a bouquet with them will either wilt itself or cause them to wilt, or both.

Throwing Stones into an Ant-Heap

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois

Man began his philosophizing very early in his development in civilization. He saw centuries ago the fatal results of hasty, impetuous action, and he felt the pain which comes from impulsive yielding to temptation.

"I threw a stone into an ant-heap," the African said to express the often overwhelming results of an untoward action. The ants would go about their business if left undisturbed but throw a stone into their habitation and the great savage insects would rush out into a body to tear the flesh from your bones. He paid dearly who threw a stone into an ant-heap.

We have the expression in our own vernacular "Stir up a hornet's nest," which connotes about the same thing. The hornet's nest was a very interesting looking object as it hung on the bough of a tree above our heads. It was made of dark gray paper, sometimes it was as big as one's head, and there were little holes in the under side of it through which the little innocent insects went in and out in attending upon their daily duties. I used to wonder what was really going on inside, and what sort of domestic or business affairs could possibly keep the hornets in such a constant state of agitation.

"You'd better keep away from it," another used to warn us when we told her that we had discovered a hornet's nest in a tree down on the south pasture. "You'll get stung the first thing you know, and then you won't think it so funny."

We wondered; and one day Gene McGinnis decided he'd take a chance. It was a very foolish conclusion on his part. The whole family of hornets rushed out and began work on him, and when they were through Gene's own mother would not have recognized him.

We are constantly throwing stones into ant-heaps or stirring up hornet's nests, and the consequences are too often far more disastrous than we anticipated. It takes a long time to learn judgment; sometimes we never learn it, and there is a hornet's nest stirred up about us most of the time.

I had pointed out to me a few weeks ago as I was passing through a town in a neighboring state, the home of a former governor of the state. The house in which he was living had been pretentious in its day, but it was run down now and ill-kept. The owner had been prominent, prosperous and respected. He was looked upon as a man to be taken as an example for young men to follow. But he threw a stone into an ant-heap. He grew ambitious; he began speculating with money that was not his, he finally became criminally involved in the use of funds which were placed in his hands and was tried and sent to the penitentiary. He has served his term, but he is broken, his reputation gone, and he is reaping as we all do, the harvest of the foolish deed which he committed.

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Father Sage Says:

Nothing jolts a young man harder than to go to the theater alone and see his best girl come in with another fellow.

Marie Larrazolo



A welcome addition to the younger set in the national capital is Miss Marie Larrazolo, daughter of the new senator from New Mexico, A. Larrazolo.

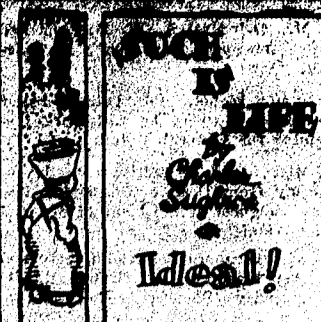
A communist is a fellow who thinks that the government ought to play Santa Claus every day in the year.

Washes, Carries Coal Woman Gains 18 lbs.

"I wash, iron and carry coal and don't get tired since taking Vinol. Also, I have gained 18 pounds," Mrs. S. Cortese.

Vinol is a delicious compound of cod liver peptone, iron, etc. Nervous, easily tired, anemic people are surprised how Vinol gives new pep, sound sleep and a big appetite. The very first bottle often adds several pounds weight to thin children or adults. Tastes delicious.

Mac & Gidley, druggists.



LOVELLS NEWS

The Lovells school had a lovely program Christmas eve. The children all did their part well and Santa was good and did his part well.

Mr. Roy Small of Mio came to visit his daughter, Mrs. Francis Nephew last week.

Mrs. Martha Halberg of Detroit spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon.

John Surday was in Grayling for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gregg of Flint are spending a week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nephew.

Lewis Stillwagon gave a birthday party to his schoolmates on Thursday.

Jack Caid has gone to Detroit for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nephew and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doby went to Mio to celebrate Christmas with Mrs. Nephew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Small.

A big baby boy came to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldhauser. Santa thought he would give them a real live doll.

Many people in Lovells were very sorry to hear of the death of Kenneth Goshorn. The family lived in Lovells when Kenneth was a little boy.

Lovells has a basketball team. The boys are busy practicing.

Clarence Stillwagon and George Shuart have returned from Detroit where they have been for two weeks. Miss Della Budd and Miss Florence Kellogg who are attending school in Grayling, came home for Christmas.

MARYLAND'S RADIO HAD BUSY TIME

If practice makes perfect, every radio operator on the U. S. S. Maryland should be 100 per cent according to information received at the Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit. During the trip to South America with President-elect Hoover, the Maryland's daily radio traffic with the United States—including press and official dispatches—averaged 16,000 words daily. It is doubtful if any ship has ever equalled this for sustained ship-to-shore communications.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

The Moon and Prehistoric Progress.

The greatest factor in the progress of life was undoubtedly when the prehistoric sea creatures left water for future existence on land. The moon assisted in this transformation because its control of the tides provided them with water at intervals so that they gradually accclimated their breathing and other habits.

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SARATOGA SETS RECORD

Navy Recruiting Station, Detroit: By attaining a speed of 34.99 knots, the U. S. S. Saratoga has won the name of the world's fastest large ship. Her sister ship, the U. S. S. Lexington, made a mark of 34.82 in November. The Saratoga developed a horse power of 213,000 as against the Lexington's 208,000. The new record was established during the final acceptance trials off point Vincent, California.

Bladder Weakness

If Bladder Weakness, Getting Up Nights, Backache, Burning or Itching Sensation, leg or groin pains make you feel old, tired, peevish, and worn out why not make the Cystex 48 Hour Test? Don't give up. Get Cystex today at Mac & Gidley's. Put it to a 48 hour test. Money back if you don't soon feel like new, full of pep, sleep well, with pains alleviated. Try Cystex today. Only 60c.

Afternoon Frock



The smart afternoon dress shown here features a distinctive use of angles. The blouse is of beige rayon moire, while the skirt is of black rayon crepe.

The Very Ideal

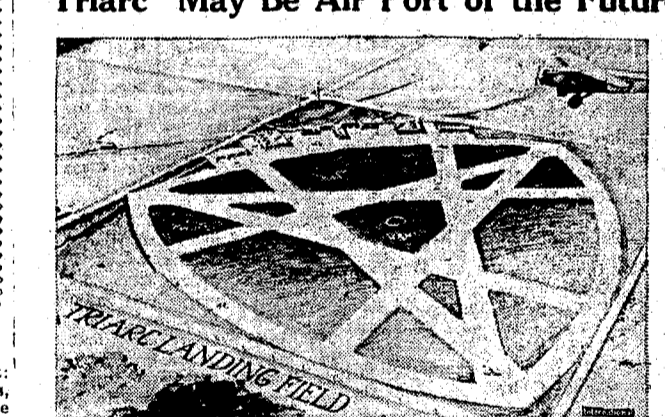
Impudence is when the neighbor's boy repeats something he learned from your child.—Detroit News.

Gas Made Her Cross Can't Eat or Sleep

"When I ate I would bloat up with gas. I couldn't sleep, was cross and nervous. Adlerika has given me real relief."—Mrs. M. Meyer.

Adlerika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you feel. It will surprise you! Mac & Gidley, druggists.

"Triarc" May Be Air Port of the Future



An aerial perspective of the "Triarc" landing field conceived by Garin Hadden, New York engineer, whose advances over circular and triangular designs are expected to win it universal adoption by airport constructors, owing to its great economy of space and of runway mowing. In this perspective of a 12-way field with perimeter paved for taxiing purposes, the unpaved circles at the intersections are 40 feet across.

Speed King Picks Buick



Phil "Red" Shafer, for sixteen years one of the country's best known race drivers and the holder of many important records, pictured in front of the Administration building of the Buick Motor Co., at Flint, Mich., with his Silver Anniversary Buick sedan and his Miller Special racer, capable of a speed of 140 miles an hour. Both are valve-in-head factors.